

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449B/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT Date Submitted: January 26, 2004 (use as many sheets as necessary)				Complete if Known	
				Application Number	Unassigned
				Filing Date	01/26/2004
				First Named Inventor	Masataka TAMURA
				Group Art Unit	Unassigned
				Examiner Name	Unassigned
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	016910-0498

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number	Kind Code ² (if known)			
	A1	5,685,999		WIEDEMANN ET AL.	11-11-1997	
	A2	3,632,955		CRUICKSHANK ET AL.	01-04-1972	
	A3	6,084,202		OKAZAKI ET AL.	07-04-2000	
	A4	5,977,515		URAKI ET AL.	11-02-1999	
	A5	5,938,954		ONUMA ET AL.	08-17-1999	
	A6	5,790,620		OKAZAKI ET AL.	08-04-1998	
	A7	6,060,686		JONES	05-09-2000	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS								
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document			Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Documents	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Office ³	Number ⁴	Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				
	A8	JP	9-10977	A	ISHIKAWAJIMA HARIMA HEAVY IND. CO., LTD., ET AL.	01-14-1997		
	A9	JP	10-180478	A	ISHIKAWAJIMA HARIMA HEAVY IND. CO., LTD.	07-07-1998		
	A10	JP	2000-153382	A	TOSHIBA CORP.	06-06-2000		
	A11	JP	9-10981	A	ISHIKAWAJIMA SYST. TECHNOL. KK	01-14-1997		

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.) date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T ⁶

Examiner Signature	Date Considered	1/18/06
--------------------	-----------------	---------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ² See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document.

⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.